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TAGS: PFOR, EEC, XF, US

SUBJECT: CSCE: MEDITERRANEAN ISSUE

REF: BONN 8578

1. TICKELL INVITED EMBASSY OFFICER TO CALL TODAY  
(MAY 31) TO HEAR AN ACCOUNT OF MAY 27-28 EC POLITICAL  
COMMITTEE (PC) MEETING. TICKELL TOLD US LITTLE THAT  
BONN HAS NOT REPORTED IN ITS MESSAGE ABOUT AMBASSADOR  
HILLENBRAND'S MAY 30 CONVERSATION WITH VAN WELL, BUT  
TICKELL DID GIVE A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF PC DELIBERATIONS  
ON MEDITERRANEAN ISSUE IN CSCE AND LEFT US WITH SOMEWHAT  
DIFFERENT VIEW FROM BONN 8578 OF CHARGE GIVEN VON STADEN

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TO DISCUSS MEDITERRANEAN ISSUE WITH HIGH LEVELS IN

WASHINGTON.

2. TICKELL SHOWED US THE DOCUMENT RECORDING THE PC'S CONCLUSIONS ON GENERAL CSCE STRATEGY AND THE MEDITERRANEAN PROBLEM. CONCLUSIONS REGARDING LATTER SUBJECT WERE LIMITED TO REQUESTING VON STADEN TO DESCRIBE EC NINE SOUNDINGS OF MEDITERRANEAN STATES; REQUEST USG TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION AND IN ANY EVENT CONVEY ITS VIEWS TO EC NINE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF MEDITERRANEAN PROBLEM BY EC NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS ON JUNE 10-11. NOTHING WAS RECORDED IN THE DOCUMENT ABOUT A GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT (PARA 6, REFTEL). HOWEVER, TICKELL DID NOTE TO US THAT THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSION OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, AS AN OPTION WHICH THE EC NINE MIGHT LATER CONSIDER. HE WAS CATEGORIC THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO RPT NO AGREEMENT AT BONN TO PRESENT SUCH A FORMULATION TO THE USG FORMALLY AT THIS TIME.

3. TICKELL SAID ITALIANS (SUPPORTED BY FRENCH) HAD ARGUED STRENUOUSLY THAT EC NINE SHOULD GO AHEAD TO TABLE THEIR DRAFT IN GENEVA DESPITE CLEAR AND STRONG OPPOSITION OF US. TICKELL SAID HE HAD INTRODUCED IDEA OF HAVING ITALIANS MAKE A FURTHER APPROACH TO THE USG AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL URGING US TO DROP ITS OPPOSITION TO A SEPARATE DECLARATION OR AT A MINIMUM TO TRY TO FIND A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO WHAT HAD BECOME AN UNFORTUNATE IRRITANT BETWEEN US-EC NINE. DAVIGNON HAD THEN SUGGESTED THAT INSTEAD OF ITALIANS MAKING APPROACH, THERE SHOULD BE A COMMUNITY APPROACH CARRIED OUT BY VON STADEN IN BEHALF OF EC NINE. TICKELL SAID PC REPRESENTATIVES WERE THEN POLLED, AND ALL EXCEPT ITALY AND FRANCE FAVORED A FURTHER APPROACH TO THE USG ALONG LINES PROPOSED BY DAVIGNON. TICKELL ECHOED VAN WELL IN NOTING THAT NONE OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS FOUND US REASONS AGAINST A SEPARATE DECLARATION PERSUASIVE. BUT HE MADE CLEAR THAT THE BRITISH ARE VERY ANXIOUS TO FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS CONTROVERSY WHICH IS BASED ON ACCOMMODATION BETWEEN US AND EC NINE RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION AND DIVERGENT ACTIONS AT GENEVA. ANNENBERG

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